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Agricultural income-tax

* 657 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of agricultural income-tax realized ever since the Act came into force, yearwar; and

(*b*) the expenditure towards collection of this tax, yearwar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the administration reports of the Agricultural Income-tax Department relating to the years 1955–56 to 1958–59. The particulars for the year 1959–60 are as follows :—

Tax realized—Rs. 1,53,72,272.51.

Expenditure towards collection—Rs. 11,21,015·25.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : So far as I am concerned, I have not received the administration report of this department. May I have yearwar figures relating to the proportion of the expenditure towards the collection of this tax to the actual tax realized?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I have not worked out that proportion. There was, however, a slight fall in income in the year 1958–1959. That is due to various reasons. Probably, there were no large holdings.

Influenza

* 658 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the steps taken to counteract the increase in the number of influenza cases in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No special measures were undertaken since there was no epidemic of influenza.

Suicide

*** 659 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI :** கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப் பாரா—

(அ) செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்டத்தில், தண்டலம் கிராமத்தில் ஒரு கிணற்றில் ஒரு குடும்பமே விழுந்து உயிர் துறந்தது அரசாங் கத்துக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

(இ) அதுபற்றி நடத்திய விசாரணையின் விவரமென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Investigation disclosed that Punyakoti, his wife and six children had committed suicide by drowning due to the heavy debts which he had incurred but could not repay.